



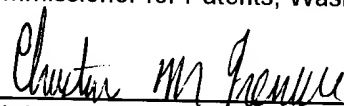
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APPLICANTS: Ng et al.  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 1997, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the claims and reconsideration of the rejections of record in light of these amendments and the following remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 19 and amend claims 18, 20, 21, 22 and 37 as follows:

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18. (Amended) A method of [preventing or] treating, in a mammal, a disorder [in a mammal characterised by disordered function] for which administration of an antagonist of an integral membrane protein having at least one transmembrane domain is indicated, said method comprising